13th November 1922]

*Reduction in the number of Deputy Collectors in the Presidency.*

458 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. VENKATA RANGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) whether there are any proposals before the Government to reduce the number of Deputy Collectors in the Presidency; and

(2) whether they propose to reduce one or more revenue division charges in each district; if so, when they are going to give effect to such proposals?

*A.*—The Government have called for proposals for the reduction of the number of divisions in the Presidency. This, if accepted, may involve a reduction in the number of deputy collectors. There is no other proposal to reduce their number.

*Provincial officers in the Imperial forest service.*

459 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. VENKATA RANGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether the Government have sent in proposals to the Government of India to increase the number of posts reserved for Provincial Service officers in the Imperial forest service; and

(2) if so, whether any orders have been received from the Government of India regarding that matter?

*A.*—(1) The question of the number of posts to be assigned to Provincial Service Officers is under correspondence with the Government of India. The Government cannot at present disclose the nature of their recommendation in the matter.

(2) No.

*Provincial officers in the Forest department.*

460 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. VENKATA RANGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) how many Provincial officers in the Forest department are holding district charges;

(2) whether the major district charges are ordinarily reserved for the Imperial Service officers; and

(3) how many of the Provincial officers holding district charges have been holding such charges for more than three years?

*A.*—(1) Twenty-one officers on 1st September 1922.

(2) Yes.

(3) Two.

*Headquarters of the forest officers in the Kurnool district.*

461 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. VENKATA RANGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that there are three District Forest Officers holding district charges in the Kurnool district;

(2) whether all the three District Forest Officers have their headquarters at Kurnool;

(3) whether the South Forest is nearer Nandyal than Kurnool;

(4) whether the East Forest is nearer Markapur than Kurnool; and

(5) whether it is a fact that the South and East District Forest Officers have to travel long distances to go to their respective jurisdictions?

*A.*—The reply is in the affirmative.